

NEW YEAR'S GREETING To our Friends and Patrons.

Carlsbad, N. M., January 1, 1909

To the Citizens of Eddy County:

We wish to extend a HAPPY NEW YEAR'S GREETING to our friends and patrons and to thank the public in general for our successes during the year 1908 and we earnestly solicit the patronage of our friends for this year of 1909, that they in their judgment think we deserve. We insure your property against loss by fire, representing such insurance companies as the Springfield Fire and Marine, Imperial, and Colonial and Philadelphia underwriters. We also write life and accident insurance in the best old line companies in the United States. We also live and spend our money in the town of Carlsbad and furnish our part of the oil for its machinery. We have established a record for fair dealing and in fact done all in our power to commend us to the public, for a reasonable share of its patronage. If you have not given us any business in the past just commence by giving us your business for the year 1909. We assure you none will appreciate it more than we. If you have lands, houses, horses, cattle, sheep or any thing else to sell, list it with us and we will sell it. Our best wishes go out to our patrons for a Happy and a Prosperous New Year and may the year 1909 be long remembered on account of the unprecedented prosperity of our citizens. With best wishes we are

Most Respectfully,

RIVES & HULL

Real Estate & Insurance.

Jesse D. Robinson

Practical up-to-now Painter
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After one years labor and contracting in Carlsbad. I desire to thank all who have seen fit to give me their business and hope to merit a continuance of same for this year of 1909. Headquarters at Tracy-Roberts Hdw., Co's. store.

JESSE D. ROBINSON



Take this House

my dear boy, and give it to your wife. She's been here and inspected it thoroughly, and our word for it, she'll be the happiest woman on earth when she knows she's to move into it.

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bought here are rare bargains at our present selling scale of prices. Later on there'll be a big advance. Good advice to buy now. Don't you think so?

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REAL ESTATE DEALERS CARLSBAD, N.M.

Christmas HOLIDAY Rates

One and one-third fare for round trip between all points in the Valley also to points on connecting lines in Texas. Dates of sale, Dec. 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1 with final return limit Jan. 5.



B. F. Rose,

Agent, Eastern Railway of New Mexico.

EUROPEAN EARTHQUAKE KILLS THOUSANDS

THREE ITALIAN PROVINCES AND PART OF SICILY DEVASTATED BY QUAKE

TOWNS DISAPPEAR FROM EARTH'S SURFACE.

Italy Sends 18,000 Troops to Guard Terror Stricken Country---Homeless People Flee to Shelter.

Rome, Dec. 29.—South Italy and the island of Sicily have been visited by an appalling calamity, the extent of which cannot yet be grasped. The earthquake yesterday morning wrecked city after city and obliterated smaller towns and villages without number. When a tidal wave swept along the Strait of Messina it added to the horror, drowning people in their helplessness and panic.

Fire came to complete the work of destruction and countless numbers of wounded men, women and children were burned to death. An adequate estimate of the total casualties as yet is quite impossible, but the Tribune places the number at between sixty and seventy thousand.

Reports of heavy loss of life are coming in every hour from cities, towns and villages of the stricken district and the story in detail is only begun to be told. The horror grows as reports come in.

Rome, Dec. 30.—As the details of one of the most appalling disasters recorded in the history of the world are being unfolded in the dispatches coming in today from Calabria and from Sicily, this story of indescribable horror and calamity that the earthquake of Monday wrought in havoc and destruction, cannot be estimated. Italy is stunned by the visitation, yet the full measure of the catastrophe cannot be taken. The calamity grows with every fresh dispatch from South Calabria, dotted with small towns and villages and the local newspapers are reporting almost hourly casualties that run from hundreds to thousands.

Dead May Reach 200,000.

It is still impossible to reach an accurate estimate of the dead but it is placed anywhere between 100,000 and 150,000 and in some quarters it is declared the final number will be as high as 200,000.

Half the population of Calabria and Eastern Sicily has apparently perished and countless thousands of wounded men, women and children are lying in the ruins. It is impossible to succor all the living. The numbers of wounded are still without medical aid. The devastated districts are still filled with half demented survivors starving and wandering aimlessly in the ruins. The ruins are still burning.

The King and Queen arrived in Messina today, both personally aiding the injured and their example is a wonderful example to the country. Everything possible is being done to forward the work of relief but the railroads in the afflicted districts have been put out of commission.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 30.—Half the population of Calabria and the eastern part of Sicily are dead and the other half is weeping. From the latest estimates today it is feared the total number of victims in Sicily and Calabria will reach to more than one hundred thousand, while the damage to property will approximate several hundred millions.

As the great extent of the seismic disturbance becomes apparent, it seems impossible to exaggerate the results which have followed them. The calamity which has overwhelmed Italy is almost beyond imagination, not only because of the dead but of the innumerable injured buried in the ruins many of whom will perish, because it is impossible to rescue them from the wrecks of their former homes. The whole city is absolutely stunned and at the scene of the disaster, the bulk of the people are literally demented with the suddenness and the extent of the blow.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena arrived at Messina today. As they made their way into the ruined town, the scene of disaster and horror proved too much for the Queen, who almost swooned. Crowds of terror-stricken persons swarmed around the Royal party, throwing themselves into the mud and screaming for pity and aid.

As further facts concerning stricken Messina become available they corroborate the worst fears entertained. The cathedral, municipality buildings, barracks, and prisons are all destroyed, and presumably all the smaller buildings met the same fate.

Of two hundred and eighty railway employees at the station of Messina, only eight survived.

Torpedo boat which was sent to aid the sufferers at Reggio returned to Palermo today reporting that nothing was left of that city but a heap of ruins.

There was a slight earthquake at Palermo last evening and it created a terrible panic. There was a general rush to the squares and open places. The churches were invaded and the sacred vessels were carried out and through the streets by the terror-stricken people, praying for a cessation of the earthquake scourge.

Following the earthquake there now seems imminent danger of starvation and pestilence. Thousands are absolutely without food and tens of thousands of bodies must remain unburied for so long that the horrors of pestilence are almost certain.

The entire shore line of the Straits of Messina is utterly changed by the upheaval, while on the waters, which swept the stricken cities in tidal waves, still float refuse of every description, matted with human bodies.

A national committee will be formed to collect funds for the aid of the victims, headed by the Duke of Aosta, and the list has been opened by a contribution of \$40,000 by King Victor Emmanuel. All the banks, clubs, civic and commercial associations and newspapers have offered subscription lists.

Stromboli Is Active.

The volcano of Stromboli is active and the seas around the island are agitated and dangerous to navigation.

The Pope has telegraphed the Archbishop of Palermo a large sum of money and instructed him to proceed to Messina immediately to help the survivors.

Persons arriving at Calanzaro from the coast state Messina is still blazing despite the torrential downpour of rain.

Reports received indicate that thirty-five towns and villages have been wiped out in the outlying districts of Calabria, while the number of the dead in that district alone is 35,000. The few survivors are mad with terror and have fled to the forests and mountain tops, where they are subsisting on roots and the bark of trees.

Rome (afternoon).—There is no news up to one o'clock this afternoon from A. S. Cheney, the American counsel at Messina, and his wife. All private and official efforts to ascertain whether he is still alive have resulted in failure.

J. P. Morgan has sent \$10,000 to the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

Cablegram communication with the Aeolian Islands, 251 miles north of Sicily is interrupted. It is evident the line is broken and it is feared these islands are also devastated. The chief city of the group is Lipari and the capital. The population is 12,000.

10,000 Dead in Bagnara.

Catanzaro, Calabria, Dec. 30.—A report received here this morning says the town of Bagnara on the coast to the north of Reggio, is completely wiped out, fire finishing the work of destruction. The report says: "All the inhabitants of Bagnara are dead." The town had about ten thousand people. In a few days time will be scattered over the heap of ruins which alone marks the site of a once populous town.

Such fragmentary news as is received from Reggio confirms the report that the city is practically wiped out. A laconic telegram from the telegraph operator from the country of which Reggio is the center, says:

"Reggio has been entirely destroyed. The local director of Telegraph and Post Offices is reported dead. Messina and Reggio look like Pompeii. The Prefect of Reggio, Signor Orso, who was thought to have been killed reached a point of safety after twenty-four hours of fearful experiences. He could hardly talk, but said 'Reggio is almost entirely destroyed. The dead ran into thousands. The surrounding villages are also devastated.'"

The mayor of Senoaria, province of Calabria, telegraphed that his town is practically destroyed and had 4,000 dead up to the time of reporting. The rescuers had unearthed one hundred bodies.

Reports from Pizzo thirty miles to the west of here, declare the death list in the surrounding villages total 3,325. The section around Pizzo experienced another shock last night throwing the people into a panic. The remains of the church in Pizzo collapsed, but the scores of people in the building escaped.

A report received here from Santa Eufemia, a town of 6,000, sixteen miles northeast of Reggio, declared the dead there numbered 1,000, and the wounded exceed that. The houses not destroyed are now in flames.

Terrible Stories Related.

New York, Dec. 30.—Terrible stories are related in connection with the work of the rescuers in connection with the superstitions which are deeply rooted in the minds of the Sicilians. In many instances the injured men and women clung to the crumbling walls, refusing to let go their blood and seek a safer position.

Pouring Into Naples.

Naples, Dec. 30.—The appalling magnitude of the tragedy in South Italy is being brought home to the people of the North by the arrival of the refugees, the wounded and the unscathed from Messina. The fact that dying people are brought such a distance for medical aid shows the immensity of the disaster and the inadequacy of the relief measures at present.

The German steamer Serrapin came into Naples today with 800 refugees. The condition of the wounded is pitiable as only a few had received medical attention. The Serrapin had to come to Naples because all the hospitals of the principal towns of Sicily are overflowing, while not enough doctors and medical supplies such as bandages and surgical instruments could be expected to be there.

It is thought that by tomorrow night fully 50,000 injured will be here. The municipality is realizing the difficulties of the situation, has appealed to the local population asking that succor and hospitality be given the unfortunate Sicilians. Several large buildings are being prepared to serve as hospitals.

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